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SUBJECT: ANNUAL CLAIMS REPORT

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- 1. REF A ASKS US TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THE NEPAL SECTION OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT'S NOVEMBER 1977 REPORT TO CONGRESS ON UNSETTLED USG CLAIMS AGAINST FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. THE REPORT WAS RECEIVED HERE ON JULY 21.
- 2. IT IS EVIDENT FROM THE TEXT OF THE REPORT ITSELF THAT THERE IS NOT AND NEVER HAS BEEN A SOUND BASIS FOR A USG CLAIM ON THE GON FOR THE INDIAN EXCISE TAXES DISCUSSED IN THE REPORT, AND THAT LISTING THE REFUND OF THESE TAXES AS A US CLAIM ON NEPAL WAS A MISTAKE. THE EMBASSY HAS ALREADY PROPOSED (REF C) THAT IT BE DROPPED FROM THE BOOK, BUT HAS NO RECORD OF ANY REPLY FROM THE DEPARTMENT.
- 3. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT IN LIGHT OF THE NOVEMBER 1977 TEXT, NO REASON-

ABLE MAN (INCLUDING THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE) WOULD OBJECT IS THE NEXT TREASURY REPORT MERELY DELETED THE NEPAL ITEM, THE COMMITTEE BEING ADVISED IN ADVANCE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. WE HAVE NO ADDITIONAL CLAIMS TO REPORT. HECK

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